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In re application of

Bertil KRONLUND et al.

Group Art Unit: 2839

Application No. 09/903,801

Examiner: Thanh Tam T. Le

Filed: July 12, 2001

For: SELF POWERED DATA COMMUNICATION OPTICAL FIBER CABLE EXTENDER

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2003, the applicant notes that claims 10-12 were rejected as anticipated by the Gilliland et al. U.S. patent No. 6,607,307 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and that claims 1-9 were rejected over Gilliland in view of the Linnell U.S. patent No. 6,466,718 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

It is noted that the present application claims priority from Great Britain application No. 0017144.7 with a filing date of July 12, 2000. A certified copy of the priority application was submitted on January 9, 2002. The present application therefore has a priority date under 35 USC 119(a) of July 12, 2000.

Gilliland has a filing date of June 1, 2001, approximately eleven months after the applicant's priority date. The priority document supports the claims of the present application, and consequently the applicant respectfully submits that Gilliland is not prior art to the claimed invention.

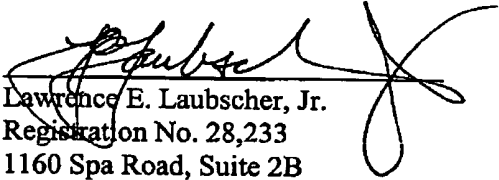
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As a result, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103, both of which rely on Gilliland, are respectfully traversed.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-12 is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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